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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,878,198
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,381,418
- (3) U.S. Application Publication No. 2001/0008002
- (4) U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0186390
- (5) U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0164971
- (6) U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0070790
- (7) JP 2001-143026
- (8) JP 2001-088911
- (9) JP 2002-056421
- (10) JP 2002-337426
- (11) JP 2003-029667

Documents (8) to (11) were cited during prosecution of PCT application

PCT/JP03/13533, which corresponds to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of

the International Search Report for PCT/JP03/13533 is enclosed.

In addition, English-language abstracts for cited Japanese documents (7) to

(9) are enclosed. Also, document (2) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart patent for

Japanese document (7). The English-language abstracts and U.S. counterpart patent are

believed to provide an explanation of relevance of Japanese documents (7) to (11) to the

subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §

1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and

to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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